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SUBJ: KEY ISSUES AT 29TH UNGA

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SUMMARY: EMBOFF ON SEPT. 13 BRIEFED MEMBER KENYAN
UNGA DELEGATION ON U.S. POSITIONS ON KEY ISSUES AND WAS
IN TURN ADVISED OF GOK POSITIONS WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS,
MIDDLE EAST, INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE, DECOLONIZATION,
ECONOMIC ISSUES AND LOS AT 29TH GA. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER TRYING FOR TWO WEEKS TO SEE APPROPRIATE MOFA
OFFICIAL ON UNGA ISSUES, EMBOFF ON SEPT. 13 OBTAINED AP-
POINTMENT WITH DONALD W. KANIARU, FORMER KENYAN UN MISSION
OFFICER WHO WILL BE MEMBER OF GOK DELEGATION TO 29TH GA
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REPRESENTING MOFA LEGAL DIVISION.

2. KANIARU LISTENED TO PRESENTATION U.S. VIEWS AND POSITIONS ON KEY ISSUES PER REFTEL, AND THEN GAVE OWN EVALUATION OF FORTHCOMING SESSION, SAYING THAT WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION CYPRUS ISSUE, HE DID NOT EXPECT THIS GA TO BE CONTROVERSIAL. HE ADDED THAT GOK WOULD BE WATCHING U.S. POSITION ON CYPRUS WITH INTEREST. KENYA'S POSITION REMAINED AS STATED SOME TIME AGO BY FOR. MIN. MUNGAI, NAMELY SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS. GOK REGARDED RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES AS INTERNAL MATTER.

3. RE MIDDLE EAST, KANIARU SAID GOK SHARES WITH U.S. DESIRE TO AVOID ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE OR RHETORIC. AT SAME TIME, IT WANTS TO PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE TO MOVE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD, A ROLE WHICH IT FEELS IT CAN BEST PLAY BY BEING INDEPENDENT OF THE TWO PRINCIPAL SIDES. ADDED THAT GOK ANXIOUSLY AWAITING OPENING OF SUEZ CANAL. KANIARU ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST ON CURRENT U.S. POSITION ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND IRANIAN DENUCLEARIZATION OF ME PROPOSAL, SUBJECTS ON WHICH USUN MAY WIST TO BRIEF KENYANS.

4. INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE PROPOSAL HIGH ON LIST OF KENYAN GA INTERESTS, ACCORDING TO KANIARU, BUT HE DID NOT REVEAL ANY PLANNED KENYAN INITIATIVE THIS SUBJECT. HE MADE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT KENYA SPEAKING OF SOVIETS AS WELL AS U. S. WHEN IT SAID IT DID NOT WANT BIG POWERS IN INDIAN OCEAN, AND WHEN QUESTIONED CLOSELY, ADMITTED KENYAN CONCERN OVER SOVIET PRESENCE IN SOMALIA. EMBASSY BELEIVES BEST STANCE VIS-A-VIS KENYANS ON THIS SUBJECT IS TO ACCEPT MOFA RHETORIC WITHOUT PUBLIC CHALLENGE WHILE WORKING QUIETLY WITH MIN.DEF. OFFICIALS TO ASSURE CONTINUED ACCESS TO MOMBASA FOR U.S. NAVY.

5. DECOLONIZATION, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, ANOTHER IMPORTANT GA TOPIC FOR KENYA. KANIARU EXPRESSED HOPE THAT U.S. MIGHT USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES SUCH AS UK, JAPAN AND WEST GERMANY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCREASE PRESSURE ON RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, REACT TO U.S. POSITION TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICAN GA ISSUES AS OUTLINED REFTEL AND SEEMED TO APPRECIATE EMBOFF'S BRIEFING ON CURRENT STATUS BYRD AMENDMENT.

6. OTHER MAJOR AREA OF KENYAN INTEREST WAS ECONOMIC. KENYA, LIKE OTHER LDC'S, FEELS VERY STRONGLY ABOUT CONTROLLING ITS OWN RESOURCES.

ONCE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS LIKE U.S. ACCEPT HIS VIEW-
POINT, THEN PERHAPS LDC'S AND INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS CAN
COOPERATE IN WORKING OUT NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. HE SAID
KENYA ITSELF FAVORED COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTA-
TION, BUT FELT THAT SLOWNESS OF INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD
IN CHANGING ITS ATTITUDES HAD ENCOURAGED EXTREMISM. RE
QTE STREAMROLLER UNQUOTE TACTICS AT 6TH SPECIAL SESSION,
KANIARU (WHO WAS THERE) THOUGHT THIS REFLECTION OF
ATMOSPHERE AT TIME AND FACT THAT U.S. HAD CONCENTRATED
ON CONSUMERS MEETING RATHER THAN PARTICIPATING IN
PREPARATORY WORK FOR SPECIAL SESSION, WITH RESULT THAT
U.S. INITIATIVES AT SESSION ITSELF WERE TO LATE.

7. WHILE KANIARU APPEARED SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. POSITION
ON KOREAN ITEM, HE GAVE NO INDICATION OF KENYAN POSI-
TION. NOR DID HE REACT TO U.S. VIEWS ON KHMER
CREDENTIALS. WHILE LIKELY KENYANS WILL CONTINUE TO
ABSTAIN THESE ISSUES, MUCH WILL DEPEND UPON ATMOSPHERE
AT GA ITSELF.

8. AS FINAL SUBJECT, KANIARU MENTIONED LOS, SAYING
THAT GOK DID NOT EXPECT NEW INITIATIVES IN THIS FIELD
AT GA, BUT PLANNED TO PARTICIPATE IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS
DESIGNED TO SPEED NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRIBUTE TO
CLIMATE OF UNDERSTANDING.

9. EMBOFF CLOSED DISCUSSION BY REITERATING U.S.
DESIRE FOR FULL AND FREQUENT CONSULTATION, TO WHICH
KANIARU RESPONDED FAVORABLY, SAYING HE WAS LOOKING
FORWARD TO SEEING FORMER AMERICAN COLLEAGUES.
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